Philadelphia 3 Augt 1793

my dear Friend

I know not what to write you — the enemy have brought the army from near the North River to near this city. after appearing off the Capes for a number of days — coming up to the mouth of Chester, laying two or three days — getting pilots &c — they have disappeared, and this in so unaccountable a manner as to leave a mute Idea Setting at work they are going — — This is very embarrassing — people form various conjectures — they stood directly off to Sea.

I suppose as I have all along supposed that they intend to endeavour to form a junction with Burgoyne

either by the way of the North Penn or further eastward. the former I think the most probable. ——— my reasons are "sufficiently for the present Jemi I hope — time will show ——— The Bottom Department is going handing to Detroit — all the General Officers will be recalled from that place similarly Sent on there soon ——— Gil Gates hopes to be with the Chiefs — with high must exert himself or he will be ruined — I wish I could flatter myself that the Troops were not retaken — in fact Adieu and excuse this Jemi I will write you by the post. I am Dear Mary Yours very affectionately Friend

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Letter from a
Friend to
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Colonel Henry Jackson
Boston —

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